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U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20207

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March 10, 2000

### **CERTIFIED MAIL**

Christopher R. O'Hara, Esq. Todd & Weld 28 State Street Boston, MA 02109

Re: FOIA Request S0030024: Stamina Products, Inc., PR-6050 Exercise Equipment Corrective Action File RP960127

### Dear Mr. O'Hara:

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking information from the Commission. The records from the Commission files responsive to your request have been processed and copies of the releasable responsive records are enclosed. The enclosed records include file information generated by the Commission itself or its contractors for regulatory or enforcement purposes. These records are from law enforcement investigatory file designated RP960127 and include correspondence, notes and documents. The Commission has established management systems under which supervisors are responsible for reviewing the work of their employees or contractors. The file information materials are final and have been prepared and accepted by the Commission's staff under such review systems. The Commission believes that it has taken reasonable steps to assure the accuracy of the information. Please note that the Commission's staff, not the Commissioners themselves, made the preliminary determination that this product presented a substantial risk of injury to the public as defined by the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA).

The remaining records responsive to your request are contained in the Commission's active law enforcement investigatory files. We must withhold the records pursuant to the Exemptions 3, 4, 5, and 7(E), 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(3), (b)(4), (b)(5), and (b)(7)(E), and sections 6(a)(2) and 6(b)(1) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2055(a)(2), and (b)(1).

FOIA Exemption 3 provides for the withholding from disclosure of matters that are specifically exempted from disclosure by another statute. In applying FOIA Exemption 3 to these records, we are relying in part on section on CPSA section 6(a)(2) to withhold files that

contain proprietary and confidential information. We must withhold pursuant to Exemptions 3 and 4 and section 6(a)(2) of the CPSA. Section 6(a)(2) prohibits the Commission from disclosing information that is exempt from disclosure under Exemption 4 of the FOIA. That exemption protects trade secrets and confidential commercial information directly related to a firm's business that the firm has not made public and whose disclosure could give a substantial commercial advantage to a competitor. The protected records include customer lists, engineering design and quality control information, confidential financial records and other company internal records from pages 123-125, and portions of pages 6, 15, 28, 30-32, 34, 35, 41, 57, 59, 66, 76, 77, 82, 83, 85, 86, 88-91, 104, 188-122, 126, 130-132, 136, 137, 140, 141, 143, 145,-148, 152-158, 161, 163-167, 174, 179, 180 and 184.

Certain internal staff memoranda and analyses are also being withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, and 7(E). Exemption 5 provides for the withholding from disclosure of inter-agency and intra-agency memoranda which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. Exemption 7(E) provides for the withholding from disclosure records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. The staff memoranda and analyses being withheld are both predecisional and deliberative, consisting of recommendations, opinions, suggestions and analyses. Any factual materials in the memoranda not covered by some other exemption are

• inextricably intertwined with exempt materials or the disclosure of the factual materials would itself expose the deliberative process. We have determined that the disclosure of the law enforcement investigatory records responsive to your request would be contrary to the public interest. It would not be in the public interest to disclose these materials because disclosure would (1) impair the frank exchange of views necessary with respect to such matters, and (2) reveal the techniques, guidelines and strategies utilized by the investigative and legal staff in developing the information regarding this investigation and other on-going investigations, which if disclosed would significantly risk circumvention of the statutes and regulations that the Commission administers.

According to the Commission's regulations implementing the FOIA at 16 C.F.R. § 1015.7, a partial denial of access to records may be appealed to the General Counsel of the Commission within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this letter. An appeal must be in writing and addressed to: FOIA APPEAL, General Counsel, ATTN: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D. C. 20207.

Processing this request, performing the file searches and preparing the information, cost the Commission \$80.00. In this instance, we have decided to waive all of the charges.

Sincerely,

Todd A. Stevenson

**Enclosures** 



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March 10, 2000

### **CERTIFIED MAIL**

James T. Spratt, Esq. Law Offices of Marvin Louis Wolf 2040 Avenue of the Stars • Suite 400 Los Angeles, CA 90067

Re: FOIA Request S0020194: Stamina Products, Inc., PR-6050 Exercise Equipment Corrective Action File RP960127

### Dear Mr. Spratt:

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking information from the Commission. The records from the Commission files responsive to your request have been processed and copies of the releasable responsive records are enclosed. The enclosed records include file information generated by the Commission itself or its contractors for regulatory or enforcement purposes. These records are from law enforcement investigatory file designated RP960127 and include correspondence, notes and documents. The Commission has established management systems under which supervisors are responsible for reviewing the work of their employees or contractors. The file information materials are final and have been prepared and accepted by the Commission's staff under such review systems. The Commission believes that it has taken reasonable steps to assure the accuracy of the information. Please note that the Commission's staff, not the Commissioners themselves, made the preliminary determination that this product presented a substantial risk of injury to the public as defined by the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA).

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Processing this request, performing the file searches and preparing the information, cost the Commission \$200.00. In this instance, we have decided to waive all of the charges. Thank you for your interest in consumer product safety.

Sincerely,

Todd A. Stevenson

**Enclosures** 

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No Comments made Comments attached

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Division of Corrective Actions Tel: 301-504-0608 Fax: 301-504-0359

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OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

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Certified Mail/Telecopy: (816) 471-2221

Kirk T. May, Esq. Rouse, Hendricks, German, May & Shank 1010 Walnut Suite 400 Kansas City, MO 64106

Re:

CPSC RP960157 Stamina Products, Inc.

PR-6050 Exercise equipment

Dear Mr. May:

Thank you for your client's report of May 8, 1996, received May 13, 1996, under section 15(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act, as amended (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. § 2064(b). In its report, Stamina Products, Inc. identified a number of weld failures on its PR-6050 rider. Stamina Products also reported alleged injuries as a result of the weld failure and collapse of the machine.

Enclosed for your information are the Consumer Product Safety Act and the Commission's regulation, "Substantial Product Hazard Reports," 16 C.F.R. Part 1115. These documents explain the Commission's authority and policy regarding products that may present substantial product hazards and also explain the firm's rights and obligations under the Act.

One of the responsibilities of the Compliance staff is to determine preliminarily whether a defect is present in a product and, if so, whether that defect rises to the level of a substantial product hazard as defined by section 15(a) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. § 2064(a).

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### Information Requested

For the staff to assess accurately the potential safety hazard, if any, with the reported product, please provide the following information:

- 1. Is the PR-6050 manufactured exclusively for Stamina Products? If not, please attempt to determine other U.S. importers and distributors of Asia Regent Limited exercise equipment. Also provide a U.S. contact for Asia Regent Limited, if available.
- 2. Include **copies** of all consumer or dealer complaints, warranty claims, and reports of injury related to the reported product. Include copies of all court complaints and related documents for lawsuits involving the product and the resolution of those lawsuits.

If copies of consumer complaints and other documents requested above are unavailable, indicate the reason they are unavailable and provide a summary containing the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the consumers or of the plaintiffs' attorneys.

- 3. Copies of all test reports, analyses, evaluations, and premarket tests related to the strength of the welds. Include the date and place such tests and analyses were conducted by or on behalf of the firm and the identity of the persons involved in the testing and analyses.
- 4. Copies of all engineering drawings, engineering change notices and material specifications related to the reported problem. Describe the method of welding and welding instructions during assembly.
- 5. Provide documentation showing that the PR-6050 riders in retailer and distributor inventory were held from distribution and returned to Stamina Products. Also indicate the fate of any returned riders.
- 6. Provide a samples of a returned or collected PR-6050 rider with a broken weld. NOTE: It is only necessary to provide the specific parts showing the broken weld. However, both ends of the break are required for our review. If there is a cost associated with these samples, notify us prior to sending the samples.
- 7. A copy of the firm's catalog or brochure depicting the product.

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- 8. The details of and schedule for any contemplated refund, replacement, or repair actions, including plans for disposing of returned products. Include copies of information that has been or will be given to customers and consumers about the potential problem.
- 9. A complete list of all customer names and addresses who purchased the PR-6050 riders.

### **Information Disclosure**

Section 6(b)(5) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2055(b)(5), prohibits the release of information submitted under section 15(b) of the CPSA unless a remedial action plan has been accepted in writing, a complaint has been issued, or a firm consents to such release.

If the firm submits any information that it considers to be a trade secret, or confidential commercial or financial information, it must mark it "confidential" in accordance with section 6(a)(3) of the CPSA, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 2055(a)(3). The Commission may not disclose to the public trade secret information or proprietary commercial or financial data. If the firm does not request confidential treatment at the time of its submission, or within ten days thereafter, the staff will assume that it does not consider information in the submission to be a trade secret or otherwise exempt from disclosure under section 6(a) of the CPSA and the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4).

### Continuing Obligation

The firm has a continuing obligation to supplement or correct the information it provides. If after filing, the firm receives or learns of information concerning other incidents or injuries, or information that affects the scope, prevalence or seriousness of the defect or hazard, it must report that information to this Division immediately.

The Division of Corrective Actions requests that the firm respond within ten working days of your receipt of this letter. Please reference the CPSC file number in your response. If you seek assistance or if you have any questions, you may contact John Shumlansky, at: (301) 504-0608, extension 1366. To respond to this letter using the U.S. Postal Service, please address your correspondence to: Division of Corrective Actions, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207-0001. For other delivery services,



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please address the material to: Division of Corrective Actions, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 613, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814-4408. The Office of Compliance telefax number is (301) 504-0359.

Thank you for your cooperation in reporting under section 15 of the Consumer Product Safety Act.

Sincerely,

Marc J. Schoem

Director

Division of Corrective Actions

### Enclosures:

Consumer Product Safety Act
16 C.F.R. Part 1101, Information Disclosure
Part 1115, Substantial Product Hazard Reports
Part 1116, Section 37 Reports
Corrective Actions Handbook

cc: Consumer Product Safety Commission Central Regional Center Suite 2945 230 S. Dearborn St. Chicago, IL 60604





October 12, 1998

VIA Fax (301) 504-0359
Tina Adeyeye
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Office of Compliance
4330 East West Highway
Room 613
Bethesda, MD 20814

**RE: CPSC RP960157** 

### Dear Ms. Adeyeye:

I am writing on behalf of Stamina Products, Inc. (Stamina) to give the following progress report on the above-referenced corrective action plan for the PR-6050. The following information is for the periods indicated. This report is based on information currently available to Stamina, and in some instances might not be exact. As Stamina has previously indicated, it receives inquires in the normal course of business concerning the PR-6050 wholly unrelated to the corrective action plan. When those inquires are received, Stamina informs the consumer of the corrective action plan. Also, Stamina has reported and is reporting the number of PR-6050's returned to it. In addition, there are and have been instances in which RP-6050's are returned to retailers and destroyed by the retailer.

### May 1, 1998 to June 1, 1998

- 4 inquiries in the normal course of business
- 1 response to direct mailing
- 4 PR-6050's returned

### June 1, 1998 to July 1, 1998

- 1 inquiry in the normal course of business
- 2 PR-6050's returned

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### July 1, 1998 to August 1, 1998

5 inquires in the normal course of business

1 PR-6050 returned

### August 1, 1998 to September, 1, 1998

- 3 inquires in the normal course of business
- 1 response to direct mailing
- 5 PR-6050's returned

In reviewing and updating Stamina's records, Stamina discovered that the following which have been reported to you as PR-6050 claimants, in fact appear not to be: Management As I believe Stamina has previously indicated, in some other instances it is not clear that the claimant's alleged accident even involved a PR-6050.

Since its last report, Stamina has received notice of one claim:

Woodhaven, NY 11421, should be added to the claimants previously identified.

Sincerely,

Stamina Products, Inc.

Jeffrey C. Hutchens

President

JCH:nw

cc: John Shumlansky

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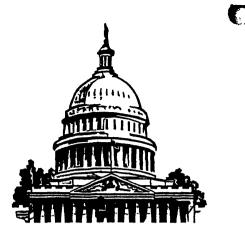
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May 22, 1998

### FAX (301) 504-0359

Tina Adeyeye
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
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**RE: CPSC RP960157** 

Dear Ms. Adeyeye:

I am writing on behalf of Stamina Products, Inc. (Stamina) to give the following progress report on the above-referenced corrective action plan for the PR-6050. The following information is for the periods indicated. This report is based on information currently available to Stamina, and in some instances might not be exact. As Stamina has previously indicated, it receives inquires in the normal course of business concerning the PR-6050 wholly unrelated to the corrective action plan. When those inquiries are received, Stamina informs the consumer of the corrective action plan. Also, Stamina has reported and is reporting the number of PR-6050's returned to it. In addition, there are instances in which PR-6050's are returned to retailers and destroyed by the retailer.

### February 1, 1998 to March 1, 1998

3 inquiries in the normal course of business

### March 1, 1998 to April 1, 1998

5 inquiries in the normal course of business 1 response to direct mailing 7 PR-6050's returned

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### April 1, 1998 to May 1, 1998

7 inquiries in the normal course of business 4 PR-6050's returned

Sincerely,

STAMINA PRODUCTS, INC.

Jeffrey C. Hutchens

President

JCH:nw

CC:

John Shumlansky Fax (301) 504-0359

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### December 1, 1997 to January 1, 1998

- 3 inquiries in the normal course of business
- 4 PR-6050's returned

### **January 1, 1998 to February 1, 1998**

- 3 inquiries in the normal course of business
- 10 PR-6050's returned

Sincerely,

STAMINA PRODUCTS, INC.

Jeffrey C. Hutchens

President

JCH:nw

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RE: CPSCRP60157

Dear Ms. Adeyeye:

I am writing on behalf of Stamina Products, Inc. (Stamina) to give the following progress report on the above-referenced corrective action plan for the PR-6050. The following information is for the period of June 1, 1997 to July 1, 1997. This report is based on information currently available to Stamina, and in some instances might not be exact.

### June 1, 1997 to July 1, 1997

1 response to direct mailing

5 inquiries in the normal course of business

15 PR-6050's returned

Sincerely,

STAMINA PRODUÇTS, INC.

Jeffrey C. Hutchens

President '

JCH:nw

cc: John Shumlansky

VIA FAX (301) 504-0359

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July 7, 1997

### VIA FAX (301) 504-0359

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RE:

**CPSC RP960157** 

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### May 1, 1997 to June 1, 1997

4 responses to direct mailing

14 inquiries in the normal course of business

12 PR-6050's returned

Notice of one claim (claimant:

address

Each time Stamina receives, in the normal course of business, an inquiry concerning anything about the PR-6050, it informed the person inquiring of the corrective action program.

Sincerely,

STAMINA PRODUCTS, INC.

Jeffrey C. Hutchens

President

JCH:nw

cc: John Shumlansky

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REMARKS: Urgent For your review Reply ASAP





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Certified Mail

Kirk T. May, Esq. Rouse, Hendricks, German, May & Shank, P.C. 1010 Walnut, Suite 400 Kansas City, MO 64106

Re: CPSC RP960157
Stamina Products, Inc.
Model PR-6050 Exercise Machine

Dear Mr. May:

Thank you for your report of May 8, 1996, received May 13, 1996, under section 15(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act, as amended (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. § 2064(b), and for promptly initiating a corrective action plan to address the reported problem. In your report you identified a potential weld failure problem with the Stamina Model PR-6050 exercise machine. Consumers could be injured if welds fail in certain areas causing the seat to drop unexpectedly.

To address the problem, the firm has already implemented, or agreed to take the following action:

- 1. Participate in a joint press release with CPSC to announce the recall.
- 2. Send direct mail notices to all known consumers who purchased the affected exercise machines.
- 3. Provide consumers who respond to the recall a replacement or refund of the exercise machine.
- 4. Contact all retail customers to inform them of the recall.



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The staff of the Office of Compliance of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has reviewed the actions submitted by Stamina Products. Acting under delegation from the Commission, the staff has accepted the plan as adequate.

Please continue the corrective actions implemented and initiate any others contained in the plan accepted by the staff. The Division of Corrective Actions will be monitoring the firm's corrective action plan. Please submit a complete list of all customers and known consumers who purchased the affected exercise equipment. In addition, please provide monthly progress reports of the recall, using the enclosed form, to Tina Adeyeye, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Division of Corrective Actions, 4330 East West Highway, Room 613, Washington, D.C. 20207-0001 by the first of each month or fax to (301)504-0359. If you have any questions, please contact Tina on (301)504-0608 extension 1223. Please reference the CPSC file number in your response.

The Division of Corrective Actions will evaluate the effectiveness of the plan. The staff could seek broader corrective action if the corrective action plan does not prove effective.

If the firm receives or learns of any information concerning other incidents or injuries, or information affecting the scope, prevalence or seriousness of the defect or hazard, it must report that information to this Division immediately. Additionally, if the firm receives information which might indicate that its corrective actions are not satisfactory in eliminating the defect or hazard or that the effectiveness of the corrective action program is less than has been anticipated, it must report that information to this Division immediately.

When the firm determines the corrective action plan has been implemented to the best of its ability and as many products as possible have been removed from the marketplace, it may submit a final progress report, referencing the file number, and request that the file be closed. At that time the staff will review the plan's progress and decide whether the file should be closed.

Section 6(b)(1) requires the Commission to give notice thirty days in advance of the intended disclosure of information that identifies the manufacturer or private labeler of a product. The staff is enclosing a summary of the corrective action plan. The Commission publishes a list of product recalls and other corrective actions initiated by firms in an Annual Report to Congress. This information is also occasionally used in lists for specific product categories. This letter gives the firm its opportunity under section 6(b)(1) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. § 2055(b)(1), and 16 C.F.R. Part 1101, to comment on the accuracy of the information.



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The staff has made every effort to assure that the enclosed information is accurate. If, however, the firm believes that the information is not accurate, please send comments to John Shumlansky. The firm's comments must be received within twenty-three calendar days of your receipt of this certified letter if they are to be considered. Please include with any comments specific information to support any claim that the information is not accurate. If the Commission decides to disclose the information, unchanged, over any accuracy objections, it will give the firm ten (10) working days notice, as required by section 6(b)(2) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2055(b)(2).

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact John Shumlansky, at: (301) 504-0608, extension 1366.

Sincerely yours,

Marc J. Schoem

Director

Division of Corrective Actions

### Enclosures:

Corrective Action Summary Progress Report Form

cc: Consumer Product Safety Commission Central Regional Center Suite 2945 230 S. Dearborn St. Chicago, IL 60604



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> Voluntary Corrective Action Plans Under Section 15 of the Consumer Product Safety Act and Section 15 of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act

The following is a list of voluntary corrective action plans recently accepted by the Commission (or the staff acting under authority delegated by the Commission). A firm's taking corrective action does not constitute admission by the firm that a substantial product hazard exists.

Space does not permit the staff to give a complete list of the specific model numbers of the products involved in each of these corrective actions. Consumers who believe that they have a product affected by one of these actions should follow the instructions given in this list or contact either the manufacturer or the Commission to determine if their product is one of those affected.



## Voluntary Corrective Action Plans Under Section 15 of the Consumer Product Safety Act and Section 15 of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act

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Springfield, MC	Springfield, MO	from the machine refund or replacer machine	refund or replacement of the machine	
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# CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

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Submit completed form by the lst of each month to Tina Adeyeye at U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Office of Compliance 4330 East West Highway, Room 613 Bethesda, MD 20814

Bethesda, MD 20814

OR, fax to (301)504-0359. If you have any questions, please call Tina at (301)504-0608, ext 1223

Note:

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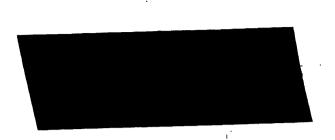
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Phone: (417) 889-7011 Fac: (417) 889-8064



December 7, 1996

U.S. Consumer Products Safety Comm. Office of Information & Public Affairs Washington, D.C. 20207

I received a copy of press release #96 regarding Stamina Products recall of exercise machines. I contacted Stamina's Customer Service Department around mid-October to arrange for the return of the defective machine. I was told someone would get back to me in a week to ten days.

After three weeks I hadn't heard from them. I have left repeated messages for them and I never receive a return phone call. I have voice mail so it isn't a case of not getting messages.

I am writing to you because, at this point, I don't know what else to do. If this is out of your realm, perhaps you can direct me to the proper authority who would handle this situation. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

cc: Stamina

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### Dear Consumer:

You recently purchased Stamina's PR 6050 Folding Rider (Model # 25-6050) from VALUE VISION.

Stamina, in conjunction with the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has issued the attached press release concerning the PR 6050 Folding Rider.

Please read the attached Press Release and contact Stamina's Customer Service Department at 1-800-375-7520 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Central Time, Monday through Friday to arrange for a replacement machine or a refund. You may also fax our office at (417) 889-8064.

Sincerely,

Stamina Customer Service Department



Author: William J. Moore at CPSC-HO2

Date: 12/9/96 11:00 AM

Priority: Normal Receipt Requested TO: John D. Shumlansky

Subject: Another complaint about Stamina ...

sage Contents ------WHO: 👗 Stamina. WHAT: In October, she spoke to e told her to send the Stamina exerciser back.

Mrs. Marcotrigiano did so in November.

Since then, Mrs. M. has left several messages for "Connie," but no one calls her back. Mrs. M. is worried that they will not respond to her, now that she sent back the exerciser.

I'm not sure this is a big problem. But Mrs. M. is VERY UPSET. Could Stamina pay some special "customer service" attention to her?

12-9-96 - CAlter Stanins - left a messay for Comment for Check Status of consumers machine and to Call me

She has been frying to east Mrs. but will continu to but will continu to try. It will take a little large can he get the replacement.

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Stamina Products, Inc. R-6050 2757 SE Austin Springfield, MO 65807

RE: Product Recall; Stamina's PR 6050 Folding Rider (Model #25-6050)

Dear Sirs:

On October 11, 1996 my son the lephoned your office in Springfield, MO., to determine the procedure for returning the Stamina PR 6050 Folding Rider (Model #25-6050) per your correspondence dated September 24, 1996. He was told (by that you would send a box in which to return the product and that upon receipt of the folding rider, your company would refund the purchase price. (He told that I did not wish to receive a replacement machine, but a refund of the \$99 I paid for the machine). The has called twice since that date, with the most recent call resulting in being told you were "out of boxes" and were unsure of any date soon when you might receive additional boxes.

In an effort to resolve this issue and obtain the refund you have indicated you will provide upon receipt of the folding rider, I have secured a box and ask that you find enclosed in this shipment the exercise machine which I have been notified is being recalled. (Attached is a copy of the notice of recall of your product, Stamina PR 6050 Folding Rider - Model #25-6050).

Please note I am sending a copy of this correspondence to the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission in Washington D.C. Should your response, after receiving the machine, be as negligent as your response was to sending a box (as originally requested in October), I will have a record with the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission of my request to you.

Please refund to me the purchase price of \$99 by return mail, plus the cost for postage. Thank you for your prompt response. Please note the correct spelling of my name and mailing address as indicated below.

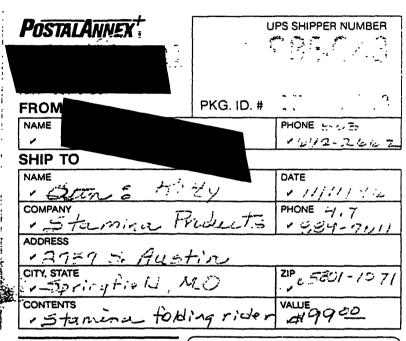
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Alona, OK 97007

cc: U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission

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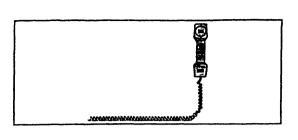
Sincerely,

Stamina Customer Service Department

Corporate Office

2757 S. Austin P.O. Box 1071 Springfield, MO 65801-1071

> Phone: (417) 889-7011 Fax: (417) 889-8064



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## MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL

DATE: 11-19-96

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(417) 862-5012

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will CAIL MR.

Author: Ken P. Giles at Cric-HQ

Date: 10/15/96 8:28 AM

Priority: Normal

TO: John D. Shumlansky at CPSC-HQ2

Subject: Consumer hasn't heard from "Stamina" about her machine

------ Message Contents

We need to do some "customer service" here.

The following consumer hasn't heard from Stamina, despite repeated letters to the PO Box and calls (always to a "busy" 800 number).

She wants a refund for her Stamina machine.

Could you please have someone at the company contact her:

home: (after 3:30 each day)
(she works in people's homes and can't be reached before 3:30 each day)

Perhaps the company could write her at her address or call after 3:30?

Thanks.

CALLED Stamma At the 800# - talked to

-She will contact

- We pall me to tell us what happened

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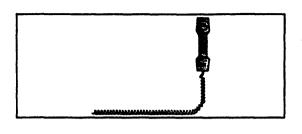
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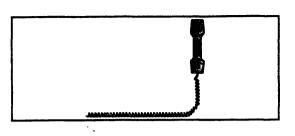


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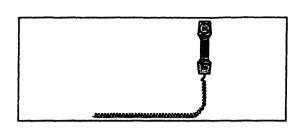
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FIRM:
TELEPHONE: (610) 701-8974
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8-1-96
Kirk May - Concerns
- Que will not get units back Before refunising
- Duplicate notices to Consmers



DATE: 7-30-96

NAME AND TITLE: Kirk May, 539
FIRM: STAMING
TELEPHONE: (316) 471-7700
SUBJECT:
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- QUE does not want to provin the extense list - they also want to seno this own notice
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(610) 701 - 8974
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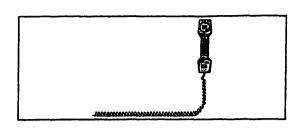


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	FIRM:
	TELEPHONE: (417) 862 - 5017
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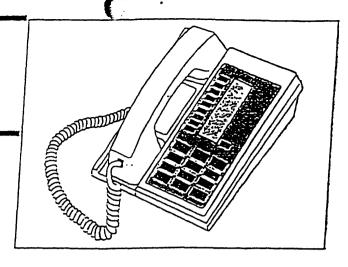


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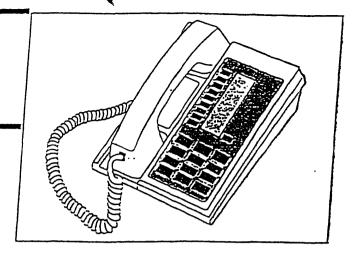
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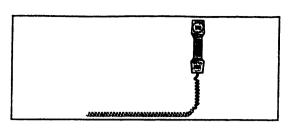
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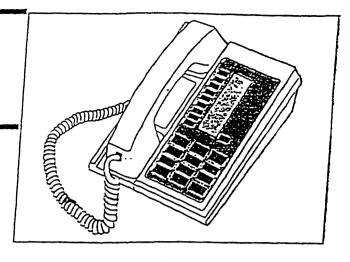
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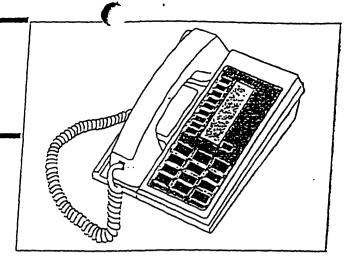
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By June 14th

6-7-96
the company will have a response to our letter along what A CAP undy the NO PD program—
By Monday 6-10-96



DATE: 5-1496 TIME:

NAME AND TITLE: Kirk May Esq.

FIRM: Rouse, Hendrick, Comman, May & Shank

TELEPHONE: (316) 471-7700

SUBJECT: Fax (B16) 471-2221

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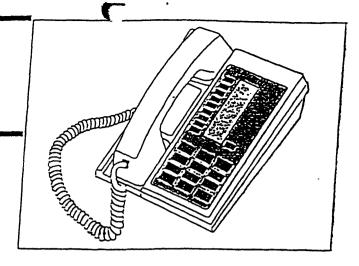
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DATE:	5-14-96	
TIME:		•

NAME AND	TITLE: Teffrey Hute	hers .
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TELEPHONE	: (417)862-5012	
SUBJECT:		

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# News from CFSC

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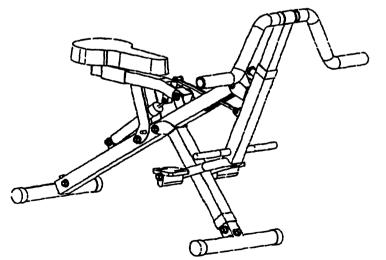
For Immediate Release June 27, 1996 Release # 96-155 Contact: Ken Giles (301) 504-0580 Ext. 1184

#### CPSC and Stamina Products Inc. Announce Recall of Exercise Machines

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Stamina Products Inc. of Springfield, Mo., is announcing a voluntary recall to refund or replace approximately 21,500 exercising machines (model PR-6050). The machine's welds may develop cracks or breaks. Consumers could be injured if the welds break and the seat drops unexpectedly.

Stamina has received notice of 43 reports of the welds allegedly cracking or separating, resulting in injuries such as sprains and bruises.

The black metal exercise machine resembles a bicycle without wheels. "Stamina" is printed in red on the back, lower frame of the machine. To operate the machine, consumers pull the handlebars, which rocks the seat forward. The machine adjusts under the seat to increase resistance and provide a more intense workout.



PR-6050

QVC Network, Damark International Inc., Wal-Mart Stores Inc., and Value Vision sold the PR-6050 from November 1995 through February 1996 for about \$99.

(exercise) -2-

Consumers who own PR-6050s should immediately contact Stamina to arrange for a refund or free replacement. In order to receive a refund or free replacement, consumers must return the PR-6050 to Stamina at Stamina's cost. For more information, consumers should call Stamina at (800) 375-7520 or write to Stamina at P.O. Box 1071, Springfield, MO 65801-1071.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from the unreasonable risk of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury and for information on CPSC's fax-on-demand service, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270. To order a press release through fax-on-demand, call (301) 504-0051 from the handset of your fax machine and enter the release number. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information via Internet gopher services at cpsc.gov or report product hazards to info@cpsc.gov.

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## EXCE NEWS RELEASE REVIEW/CLEARANCE

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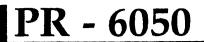
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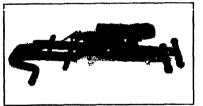
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- Adjustable Shock Resistance
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- Heavy steel frame construction
- Foam grips and slide resistant pedals
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- Extra wide stabilized bars
- Unique folding feature
- Adjustable handle bars
- 5 year limited warranty
- UPS mailable





May 8, 1996

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Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is Jeffrey C. Hutchens, and I am writing on behalf of Stamina Products, Inc. (hereinafter Stamina), P.O. Box 1071, Springfield, MO 65801-1071, (417) 889-7011. I am Stamina's Chief Executive Officer. I am authorized to make the claims set forth herein on behalf of Stamina. Stamina is writing concerning a May 8, 1996 submission to the Commission concerning a consumer product identified as a PR-6050 rider.

Stamina requests that the referenced submission be exempt from disclosure or dissemination and be given confidential treatment to the full extent legally permitted. Stamina requests that its identity and the fact a submission has been made to the Commission be exempt from disclosure and kept confidential. Stamina also requests that the identity of its customers, its distribution figures, and data concerning the number of units in the market place contained in the submission be kept confidential and exempt from disclosure. That information is confidential and proprietary commercial information. That information has not been released outside of Stamina and is not readily ascertainable by persons outside of Stamina. Disclosure of such information would, among other things, reveal Stamina's market share and its customer base, all to Stamina's competitive detriment.

Stamina request that it be given notice of all requests for disclosure or proposed dissemination of the submission or any information contained therein reasonably (or as required by law) in advance of any dissemination disclosure occurring.

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Stamina request that this request for exemption and confidentiality be exempted from dissemination or disclosure and kept confidential. Stamina also request that any communications or request for information concerning the above-referenced submission be relayed through its counsel, Kirk T. May, Rouse, Hendricks, German, May & Shank. 1010 Walnut, Suite 400, Kansas City, MO 64106, telephone (816) 471-7700, fax (816) 471-2221.

Sincerely,

STAMINA PRODUCTS, INC.

Jeffrey C. Hutchens Chief Executive Officer

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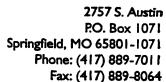
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Stamina has not obtained information which reasonably supports the conclusion that the rider contains a defect which could create a substantial product hazard or that the rider creates an unreasonable risk of serious injury or death. Stamina does not believe that the rider contains such a defect or that it creates such a risk. Stamina also denies that it has an obligation to report or notify the Commission under 2064(b). Nonetheless, Stamina is making this submission under 2064(b) to the Commission out of an abundance of caution and to ensure that the Commission is informed of the situation involving a consumer product on which Stamina has received claims, some of which allegedly involved injuries. Given the number of riders which Stamina has distributed (approximately and the relatively small number of injury and non-injury claims Stamina has received (34), the experience with the rider is not necessarily unexpected nor atypical of any new product. Stamina has not received notice of any lawsuits concerning the PR-6050.

In attempting to investigate this matter, Stamina has had to try and evaluate various sources of information, some of which seemed to conflict. Additionally, Stamina has been in the difficult position of being unable to obtain some information desired to make even the most preliminary conclusions. Further, some of the claims information received by Stamina might well be inaccurate and is not necessarily reliable.

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The situation which Stamina is addressing involves specific welds on the rider. Based on information available to Stamina, it appears that in relatively rare instances the welds have cracked and/or the mating surfaces have separated. Enclosed is a picture showing the sites which, based on Stamina's understanding, have allegedly cracked and/or separated. When a crack or separation exists or occurs during the use of the rider, some users have allegedly been injured. Stamina believes that in at least some instances the rider was subjected to an inappropriate load. Although it is unclear, the reported instances seem to be related to isolated manufacturing issues peculiar to each rider involved in the claim.

Of the claims received, only 30 allegedly involved injuries. The injuries have mainly involved sprains, bruises, pulls, and soft tissue injuries generally. Some of the individuals injured have sought medical care and others have not. Many of the injuries are certainly minor. Stamina is aware of one instance in which the individual reported had back surgery. Based on the information available to Stamina, the rider does not present a situation where an injury is likely to occur.

Stamina first became aware of possible cracking or separating of a weld site in December 1995. Stamina has received notice of alleged cracking and/or separating from individual users of the rider as well as from Stamina's customers. Given the number of riders distributed, the difficulty of obtaining reliable information and examining riders allegedly involved in particular accidents, and the potential misuse of the gravity rider, it took Stamina some time to investigate this situation and get even a general idea of what was occurring. The rider had been subjected to testing (including repeated cycles) by Consumer Testing Laboratories and by MLI prior to being distributed by Stamina, and the testing showed no cracking or separating at the weld sites. Between December 1995 and April 1, 1996, Stamina received intermittent reports of possible cracking and/or separating at the weld sites. During that time Stamina attempted to obtain information and analyze the situation in light of its experience. That process included working and communicating with the manufacturer in China and even visiting the manufacturing facility in China. After being notified of a possible weld crack on April 1, Stamina did not receive another notification until almost three weeks later on April 19, 1996. Again, matters were further complicated because in examining some of the riders it appeared, and still does appear, that Stamina was simply looking at isolated welding issues. Stamina last received notice of a claim on May 2, 1996.



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Stamina is not in the retail business. Stamina began distributing the rider to its customers, who are retail sellers, in November, 1995. Stamina distributed the rider to the following customers: QVC Network, Inc., Goshen Corporate Park, I

Stamina stopped distributing the rider in February, 1996. The rider generally sells at retail for \$99.00.

In response to Stamina's request, its customers have returned to the manufacturer all riders in those customers' possession. Thus, there should be no units in the possession of retailers. Stamina has no riders in its possession. Stamina is unsure of the precise number of units in the possession of consumers, but its best estimate is approximately

Stamina has proposed to the manufacturer changes to the weld and mating of the surfaces on the rider. Stamina believes these proposed changes will address the isolated welding issues it has seen. Stamina has not yet started distributing the rider with these changes, and it will not do so until testing has been satisfactorily completed on a prototype and Stamina is satisfied that the proposed changes will address the situation.

If the Commission needs additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

STAMINA PRODUCTS, INC.

Jeffrey C. Hutchens Chief Executive Officer

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Kirk T. May, Esq. Rouse, Hendricks, German, May & Shank, P.C. 1010 Walnut, Suite 400 Kansas City, MO 64106

Re: CPSC RP960157
Stamina Products, Inc.
Model PR-6050 Exercise Machine

Dear Mr. May:

This letter serves as clarification of our June 20, 1996 letter concerning Stamina Products, Inc. In our letter, the staff accepted the firm's corrective actions to replace or refund the model PR-6050 exercise machine to address possible cracks or breaks in the welds.

Stamina Products reported to the Commission on May 13, 1996 under the Commission's "no preliminary determination" pilot program. Under this program, Stamina Products agreed to implement an acceptable voluntary corrective action plan within 20 working days of its report to the Commission. Stamina met all requirements of the program by providing the complete "Full Report" information, sufficient public notice, and an acceptable remedy to correct the reported problem.

Also included in CPSC's pilot program, the staff agreed not to make a preliminary determination that the product does or does not contain a defect that creates a substantial product hazard. Therefore, at no time has the staff made a determination that the Stamina PR-6050 exercise machine does or does not create a substantial product hazard.



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If you have any questions, please contact John Shumlansky, at: (301) 504-0608, extension 1366.

Sincerely yours,

Marc J. Schoem

Director

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